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CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities appreciates the opportunity to testify on the following bill of interest to towns and cities:

R.B. 238, "An Act Concerning A Specialized Docket for Land use Appeals"

CCM supports this bill.

R.B. 238 would ensure that judges and others associated with land use cases, have the expertise to make sound assessments. The bill would likely expedite decision-making, which is favorable to all parties concerned.

Although we understand the Judicial Department is handling the gist of the bill administratively, it is best to have to effort prescribed in statute, to ensure the practice continues.

CCM urges the Committee to favorably report this bill.

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